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Bruce R. Parks is Appointed Executive Director of Patton State Hospital

State Mental Health Director appoints career manager to head state's largest forensic hospital.

Sacramento—State Mental Health Director Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D., today announced the appointment of Bruce R. Parks as Executive Director of Patton State Hospital.

Mr. Parks, who began his state career in 1965, came to Patton State Hospital in 1981 and has held a number of management positions at Patton. His assignments have included Chief of Human Resources, Hospital Administrative Resident, and for the last 13 years, the Hospital Administrator.

Mr. Parks manages a staff of over 2,000 employees who provide clinical, administrative and support services for the daily activities of the hospital and the treatment of 1,250 patients who reside at the hospital.

"Bruce was born in San Bernardino, grew up here, attended local schools and has made his career and home in the San Bernardino Valley," said Dr. Mayberg. "I believe that Bruce, as a local resident and leader, will carry on with Patton State Hospital's commitment to patients in need of services as well as its commitment to provide a safe and secure setting for the employees and community".

Founded in 1893, Patton State Hospital has been an integral part of the San Bernardino Inland Empire Communities throughout its history. One of four hospitals in the State's mental health system, it is the largest state hospital for the mentally ill forensic population in California with an operating budget of \$144 million. Located on 140 acres in the City of San Bernardino, the hospital's mission is to provide state of the art mental health care and treatment to forensic and civilly committed individuals in need of a structured, secure environment.

Patton is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and licensed by the Department of Health Services.

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